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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS FOR US M PLUS THREE AIRCRAFT SHELTERS

SUMMARY. MISSION HAS LEARNED THAT NO FUNDS HAVE BEEN PROGRAMMED IN US CHANNELS FOR COMMUNICATIONS TO PREFINANCED M PLUS 3 AIRCRAFT SHELTERS. THIS PRESUMABLY MEANS THAT SHELTERS BUILT FROM FY 1975 FUNDS WILL BE FINISHED AT LEAST TWO YEARS BEFORE NATO FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO ADD COMMUNICATIONS. ACTION REQUESTED: US FUND ALLOCATION TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS OR AGREEMENT THAT COMMUNICATIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS AFTER COMPLETION OF SHELTERS. END SUMMARY.

1. MOD THE HAGUE (MAJOR WEBB) HAS CONTACTED MISSION FOR HELP IN PLANNING OF AIRCRAFT SURVIVAL MEASURES (ASM) COMMUNICATIONS FOR DUTCH AND US AIR FORCES IN HOLLAND. MOD HAS WITHHELD CALL FOR BIDS FOR COMMUNICATIONS TO DUTCH SHELTERS SINCE DECEMBER 1974 IN HOPE THAT US DECISION WOULD BE MADE TO JOIN ICB IN ORDER TO OBTAIN QUANTITY PRICES. LOWER LEVEL MOD OFFER TO USAF IN FEBRUARY WOULD HAVE ALLOWED GON TO PREFINANCE THE US PORTION FOR SOESTERBERG AND CONFIDENTIAL

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GILZERIJEN WITHOUT REQUIREMENT FOR US FUNDS. HIGHER LEVEL DECISION REVERSED THIS OFFER, HOWEVER, AND GON NOW REQUIRES US FUNDS IF COMMUNICATIONS ARE TO BE PROVIDED TO US SHELTERS UNDER THIS ICB. DUTCH CANNOT, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO DELAY CALL FOR BIDS SINCE THEY

RISK NATO CRITICISM FOR HIGHER PRICES.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH EUCOM AND USAFE REPS, MISSION HAS LEARNED OF CSAF PROHIBITION OF USE OF US FUNDS TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS FOR M PLUS 3 SHELTERS. THIS REQUIRES THAT COMMUNICATIONS AWAIT AVAILABILITY OF NATO FUNDS, NOT EXPECTED TO BE PROGRAMMED BEFORE SLICE XXVII OR XXVIII. SHELTERS, HOWEVER, ARE BEING PREFINANCED FOR COMPLETION BY JUNE 1976 AND WILL LIE FALLOW UNTIL COMMUNICATIONS CAN BE PROVIDED. MISSION BELIEVES THAT CSAF PROHIBITION WAS MEANT TO LIMIT PROVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR SHELTERS TO EXTENT SUPPORTED BY NATO IN ORDER TO ENSURE NATO FUNDING, AND TO AVOID LOSS OF US FUNDS WHICH OCCURRED ON PREVIOUS ASM COMMUNICATION PROJECTS. IF THIS IS THE CASE, USAFE COULD PRESUMABLY USE SOME OF THE AVAILABLE FY 1975 FUNDS TO PREFINANCE COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE SHELTERS TO BE BUILT IN FRG, NETHERLANDS, ITALY, AND TURKEY.

3. IN VIEW OF CURRENT STATE OF NETHERLANDS CONTRACTING ACTIONS, MOST URGENT ATTENTION IS REQUIRED FOR SOESTERBERG AND GILZE-RIJEN. NETHERLANDS INTENDS TO CALL FOR BIDS WITHIN 7-10 DAYS. THE ICB PROCEDURE WILL REQUIRE SOME THREE MONTHS BEFORE SIGNATURE OF CONTRACT AND MAJOR WEBB AGREES THAT US REQUIREMENTS COULD BE ADDED TO THE CONTRACT OF THE LOWEST BIDDER IF A DESIGN AND US FUNDS CAN BE PROVIDED BEFORE THE CONTRACTOR HAS COVERED THE DUTCH TRENCHES AT THESE TWO BASES.

4. REQUEST URGENT CONSIDERATION OF US POLICY TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS FOR M PLUS 3 SHELTERS. IN PARTICULAR, REQUEST THAT DUTCH CASE BE RESOLVED IN TIME TO ALLOW GON TO INCLUDE US REQUIREMENTS IN CONTRACT IF THAT IS US DESIRE.

5. FOR CINCUSAFE. MAJOR WEBB HAS REQUESTED NOTIFICATION BY MESSAGE BY 9 APRIL AS TO US INTENTIONS. MISSION SUGGESTS THAT IF NO FINAL US POSITION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THAT TIME, USAFE ADVISE MOD TO PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY, LEAVING OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDING THE US REQUIREMENTS AT A LATER DATE.PEREZ.

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